

OUR TOWN

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Price, Five Cents

Magic, Movies Mark Legion Xmas Party

Over Hundred Youngsters Enjoy Frolic Last Wednesday Afternoon.

MERCHANTS CO-OPERATE

A Legion committee appointed by Commander John Mowrer and headed by John Nash, entertained more than 100 Narberth children at the annual Legion Christmas party for children on Wednesday, December 23. The party, as usual, was intended to provide a real Christmas celebration for youngsters for whom the holiday might otherwise be no more than a name and a memory of happier years.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the affair was the strongly marked spirit of community co-operation. With Legionnaires working like beavers, and with the help of interested citizens, the party was an assured success from the moment a crowd of excited youngsters ranging in age from 2 to 12 years streamed into the Legion room in the Community Building until a tired and happy crowd of more than 100 trickled slowly homeward in the late afternoon.

Lunch was served to ninety children at beautifully decorated tables. The lunch was donated by Marios Chios, the genial proprietor of the Arcadia restaurant. With several of his assistants, Mr. Chios arrived early to prepare and serve a plentiful and appetizing lunch. Rolls, donated by the Danish Pastry Shop, and milk, donated by the Pennhurst Farms, completed the menu.

After the luncheon a magician entertained the children for a half hour, and the delighted shouting and squealing attested to the success of his efforts. This performance was followed by a moving picture program arranged, donated and presented by Ralph S. Dunne. Wild West and Our

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Funeral of Sam Wylie, Boro 'Handy Man,' Held Saturday

Funeral services for Samuel Wylie, for forty-five years a resident of Narberth, and well known as an "odd job" man, who died last Tuesday, were held Saturday at Stuard's Undertaking establishment, Ardmore. He was sixty-eight years old.

Sam, as he was generally known, was one of those characters without whom no town is complete. Of a cheerful disposition, he had in his time many masters and many jobs.

It was recalled by an old resident of the borough that Sam used to work at the old Belmont track, the posts of whose track are all that remain of its former glories.

For many years he made his home in the rear of the Strauss Fruit Market on Haverford Avenue, and when Strauss removed to Forest Avenue, Wylie moved with him. When business was dull, as it often was for one of his profession, Sam lived on the generosity of his friends, the Strauss brothers. For years Mrs. Howard Davis sent him his dinner on Sundays and holidays.

He was married and had one son who is in the furniture business in Downingtown.

Donations to help defray the funeral expenses may be sent to George B. Suplee, care of the Borough Office.

Snow Addresses Rotary

"Athletics" was the topic chosen Tuesday by Edward H. Snow, principal of the Lower Merion Junior High School, speaking before the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club. Mr. Snow told of many incidents which had come to his attention in years of observation of scholastic sports. He feels that sports are not overemphasized.

Kids Pack Theatre

A gathering of nearly 1000 youngsters crowded the Narberth Theatre last Thursday afternoon for the free movie show sponsored by the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club. Ralph S. Dunne, president of the club, made a short address of welcome.

'Open House' Xmas Day Enjoyed by Many

Burgess Frye Speaks at Affair Sponsored by Mulieres at Elm Hall.

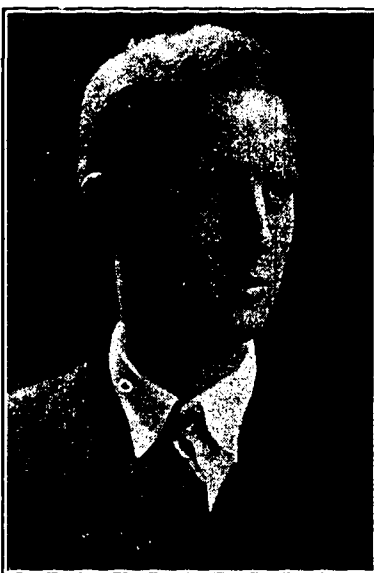
"Open House" on Christmas night at Elm Hall given by the Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company, was a very enjoyable and social affair. A number of Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. H. M. Griest acting as accompanist. Burgess Henry A. Frye made the address of welcome.

Miss Lily Andujar, of the Peabody Institute of Music, of Baltimore, and a niece of the president of the Mulieres, Mrs. Eberhardt Mueller, played two numbers and Mrs. Evelyn Patten Weaver gave a number of readings. At the conclusion of the program, the young people enjoyed dancing and refreshments were served by Mrs. Clifford Bates, Mrs. A. W. Needham, Mrs. J. E. Burrell and Mrs. Edward Haws.

Elm Hall was beautifully decorated with garlands of laurel, holly wreaths and sprays and clusters of holly and mistletoe. A surprise of the evening was a large Christmas tree trimmed with tinsel and gay Christmas decorations. The firemen assisted in the decoration of the hall, while Max donated the laurel, Mr. Cotter the tree and the Wunder Battery and Electric Company the radio victrola which furnished the music.

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Comes to All Saints



DAVID HOLMES

who has been appointed assistant to the rector of All Saints Church, Wynnewood. He will be ordained a deacon by Bishop Francis M. Tait at an ordination service at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, New Year's morning.

Thanks

To the Editor of Our Town:

As the United Campaign is now drawing to a close, may I express to you our very sincere appreciation of the publicity which you gave the campaign and of your able and valuable co-operation in helping us with the work.

It would be hard to overestimate the benefit which we derived from the splendid support given us by the Main Line newspapers.

With renewed thanks and good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,
W. LOGAN MacCOY,
Chairman.

King's Daughters to Meet

The January meeting of the Evangelical Circle of King's Daughters, of Narberth, will be held at the home of Mrs. F. E. Derby, 124 North Narberth Avenue, at 11 o'clock next Wednesday.

Politics, Bank Failure, Zoning Among Year's Outstanding Events in Borough—Digest of News

In accordance with an annual custom OUR TOWN presents this week a digest of the year's news to help its readers recall the outstanding events in the life of the borough during 1931.

Although the closing of the Merion Title and Trust Company late in October and the ordering of its liquidation during December cast gloom over the community, the year was not without its bright spots and interesting happenings.

There was the strenuous political campaign during the summer and fall, in which two Narberth residents figured prominently. Although failing of election, "Lou" Young and Fred Walzer were the outstanding candidates on the Boyd-Just ticket, running in opposition to the organization. The close contest these men gave their opponents threw a scare into organization ranks and gave the borough more political prestige than it has had for

years.

In local politics there was the interesting contest for a seat in Council between Clifford W. Bates and John A. Mowrer, Jr. Although defeated for the Republican nomination at the primaries, Mr. Bates received the Democratic nomination then and his friends' efforts in his behalf were crowned with success at the general election.

The question of zoning, particularly on Montgomery Avenue, held the spotlight for several months, with public hearings, and a revised ordinance including Montgomery Avenue in a business district drawn up and introduced at Council. Before time for its final passage arrived, however, it was found that a majority of Councilmen were opposed to the creation of a new business district and the section was accordingly stricken from the new ordinance.

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J. C. Simpson, Long Time Resident, Passes

Was First President of Borough Council; Lived Here 40 Years.

FUNERAL ON THURSDAY

James Cooper Simpson, one of the oldest and best known residents of Narberth, died suddenly of heart attack at 1.30 on Monday.

Mr. Simpson, who was 75, was stricken shortly after arriving at his in the Crozer Building, Philadelphia, where he was engaged in the real estate and mortgage business.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. this Thursday afternoon from his late residence, 232 Essex Avenue. They will be in charge of the Rev. Robert E. Keighton, pastor of the Baptist Church of the Evangel, of which Mr. Simpson was a member, serving as its clerk for many years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clara E. Dill Simpson, three sons and three daughters: B. G. Simpson, of Woodside Avenue, Narberth; William C. Simpson, of Berkley Road, Ardmore; Harry A. Simpson, of Avon Road, Narberth; Mary J. Simpson, L. Florence Simpson and Sarah Dill Simpson, of Essex Avenue, Narberth. He is also survived by a brother, Alex Simpson, Jr., of Philadelphia, a Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and a sister, Marion Chadwick, of Drexel Hill. Mr. Simpson's father, the late J. Alexander Simpson, lived at one time on Woodside Avenue before the son became a resident of Narberth. He was a prominent attorney and grand master of the Pennsylvania Lodge.

Mr. Simpson had been a resident of the borough for nearly 40 years, having moved to his home on Essex Avenue

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I. H. Beyer, Post Office Employee, Dies Suddenly

The Christmas holidays were saddened for members of the Narberth Post Office staff by the death last Wednesday of Irwin H. Beyer, Sr., mail messenger at the Postoffice for the past seven years.

Mr. Beyer, who was a familiar figure to many Narberth residents as he met the trains or delivered special delivery letters, suffered a stroke on Wednesday and died at 12:15 P. M.

Funeral services were held last Saturday at 2 P. M., with interment at Montrose Cemetery, Highland Park. Mr. Beyer was 59 and lived at 5433 Media Street, Philadelphia.

He is survived by three children, Irwin H. Beyer, Jr., who is taking his place temporarily at the Postoffice; Franklin A. Beyer and Ellen May Beyer.

Mr. Beyer, who was born in Norristown, had a distinguished military career. He served in the Spanish war, in the Philippines and the Boxer rebellion in China. He was once engaged in the plumbing and heating business in Philadelphia and at one time traveled with a patent medicine troupe, which experience earned him the nickname, "Doc."

He was a member of several Masonic orders, including the Knights of Pythias, and played in the Masonic Band.

Local Movies

Several Treats Offered Egyptian Theatre Goers

Laurel and Hardy in "Pardon Us," their first full-length comedy, will amuse Egyptian theatregoers this Friday and Saturday. Also on the New Year's program, including matinees both days at 2:15, are an Our Gang comedy, "Big Ears," and a Talking Picture Epics production, "Monsters of the Deep," which is really exciting and interesting.

Tallulah Bankhead, Alabama actress who won fame with her work on the English stage, gives a remarkable performance in "My Sin," coming to Cynwyd next Monday and Tuesday. Although the plot has weaknesses it has hardly a dull moment for those who appreciate the niceties of acting, and it is well directed. Ably starring with Miss Bankhead is Fredric March, of "The Royal Family of Broadway," etc. The story is of a Panama tavern hostess and a down-and-out lawyer and their rehabilitation in society.

"The Guardsman," at the Egyptian next Wednesday and Thursday, is the show you've been hearing about. Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne give an unforgettable performance of a clever comedy. Very much recommended for adults.

Friday and Saturday of next week Charlotte Greenwood and Bert Lehr will amuse in the comedy, "Flying High." Coming soon is Will Rogers in "Ambassador Bill."

Will Rogers and Ronald Colman at Narberth Theatre

"Ambassador Bill" is the title of Will Rogers' latest picture, playing at the Narberth Theatre this Friday and Saturday. Like his other comedies, this is an interesting mingling of humor and philosophy.

Unusual and worth seeing is "Unholy Garden," which brings Ronald Colman, of "Bulldog Drummond" fame, to the borough playhouse screen next Monday and Tuesday. Bebe Daniels and Warren William star in "Honor of the Family," coming next Wednesday and Thursday. The end of next week Charles Farrell and Madge Evans will give a pleasing performance in "Heartbreak."

L. M. High School Notes Where Vacations Are Spent

On January 4th the students and faculties will again congregate in the Lower Merion Schools, not only to study, but also to tell interesting stories of their Christmas vacation. Mary M. Collins and Elizabeth L. Hovey, of the Junior High School Faculty, will unfold many tales of their trip to Havana, Cuba. S. E. Downs, superintendent, will tell to his office staff the beauties of his family and Pittsburgh. George H. Gilbert, principal of the high school, may tell of the way he dodged the gangster's bullets during his visit to Chicago.

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"—but here we are," say Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, who appear in their first feature comedy at the Egyptian this Friday and Saturday.

In the Theater

New Play to Be Added to Hedgerow Repertoire

Another opening at the Hedgerow Theater is announced for next Friday night when the tenth new play of the season will be added to the repertoire: Lenox Robinson's "The Whiteheaded Boy," a merry comedy of family confusion provoked by Irish enthusiasm. The casting has been done by placing Catherine Corcoran, Rose Cullen, Al McGranary, Herbert Walton and Smith Dawless in the leading parts. Others in the cast are Jean Sweidel, Catherine Reeser, Helen Craig, Hancey Castle, Walter Wernher, Miriam Phillips and Don Shelton. The theater in Rose Valley will return temporarily to its winter schedule of three performances each week. On Thursday evening "A Lantern to See By," by Lynn Riggs, will be presented after having been out of the repertoire for several weeks. Joseph Taulane will play the boy who finds himself through the destruction of the father who has destroyed him, and the other principal roles are taste-

fully handled by Dudley Vaughan and William Price. There will be no Saturday matinee next week and Saturday night Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" will return to the repertoire after a long absence with a cast which includes William Price, Alfred Rowe, Rose Henley, Ferd Nofer, Catherine Reeser and Dudley Vaughan.

This Friday evening the Hedgerow Theater in Rose Valley will produce Moliere's comedy "The Physician in Spite of Himself," which will be repeated for Saturday's matinee. This Saturday night Christopher Morley's "Thunder on the Left" will be given.

"THE GOOD COMPANIONS," now playing at the Forrest Theatre, is by J. B. Priestly and Edward Knoblock, from Mr. Priestly's renowned and still widely selling novel, which has already earned for the author and the British Government some half a million dollars. It has more amusement in all its sixteen scenes than all other plays on the boards, and it is as human as the show business which it employs for its theme. There is magic in almost all its episodes and delight throughout.

"The Good Companions" has a pace of such a breezy description that the afternoon or evening appears all too brief, and the two and a half hours pass

like a dream, for the play has heart—you can hear it beat, or thump!

Julian Wylie, the producer of "The Good Companions," has staged it with consummate skill. He has given the original author's best seller a distinguished performance, which will delight all those who can see it during its brief sojourn here, while spell-bound and breathless spectators are assured of a thoroughly satisfying time with something to take home.

"The Good Companions" has an exceptional and specially imported British cast, reinforced by prominent American members of the company, and even the players in the less important assignments are all that could be desired.

"The Good Companions" is never a solemn show. It is nearly always gay, spontaneous and immensely appealing stuff. As an eminent and hard-boiled New York critic said: "It's the sort of a show you could sit through a second time, which is what I intend to do." And he did.

Hall, Sparks & Harris have sold for Wallace & Warner, Inc., a stone Colonial residence and three-car garage to be built on a plot of ground containing about one-third acre on the southeast corner of Cushman Road and Lancaster Pike, Rosemont, being the last site remaining in the Cushman tract developed by them. The improvements include sixteen rooms with three baths and suite of professional offices. The purchaser, Dr. Raymond K. Powell, will occupy the property as his office and residence. The total cost was about \$32,500. Settlement has been made.



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"AMBASSADOR BILL"

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The year also saw the reconstruction and modernization of the Narberth School building effected by a \$55,000 bond issue and no increase in school taxes; the resurfacing of sections of Haverford and Windsor Avenues, carried out with the aid of a county appropriation; the reduction of the borough tax rate from 19 to 18 mills early in the year; a most successful season at the playground with the addition of two tennis courts and a wading pool; an exceedingly popular Fourth of July celebration; a very successful carnival given by the Mulieres for the benefit of the Narberth Fire Company; the organization of a new dramatic group, the Narberth Players, whose first production "Bilked" and whose share in the "Christmas Carol" augers well for the future of dramatic entertainment in the borough; the formation of a distinctive new group, the Narberth Bridge Club, an organization exclusively for men; the gallant comeback made by the Narberth Baseball Club to capture the second half of the Main Line League and push Paoli to the limit in the playoff series, and the successful functioning of the various organizations and clubs which form such an integral part of the borough's life.

A month-by-month summary of the chief events of the year follows:

January

The consolidation of the Merion Title and Trust Company and the Ardmore Title and Trust Company, which went into effect December 29, 1930, created an institution with resources over \$12,000,000, according to a statement issued by the banks' authorities during the first week of the new year.

Mrs. Fletcher W. Stites and J. Bruce Byall were re-elected to the Board of the Montgomery County Children's Aid Society.

An 18 mill tax rate, a reduction of one mill, was adopted by the Borough Council for the year.

The report of the Narberth Child Health Center, submitted at its first anniversary, showed that 195 children were enrolled and the total attendance amounted to 725.

Mrs. Maurice Snyder, State Chairman of Juniors, addressed the Junior Community Club.

An "Open House" was held by the Legion at its headquarters in the Community Building.

William G. Hower, Bryn Mawr publisher, was the speaker at the meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club.

Kenneth L. M. Pray, Narberth School Board president and social worker, was the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Main Line Federation of Churches held at Ardmore.

A stimulating address was given by Dr. Rufus Jones, professor of Philosophy at Haverford College, at a community service held at the Methodist Church.

Two hundred mothers, fathers and teachers attended the meeting of the Narberth Parent-Teacher Association held at the School.

Adolph Vogel conducted the second concert of the season of the Main Line Orchestra held at the Ardmore Theater.

Genealogy was the subject of a talk by Mrs. Harper D. Sheppard, State chairman of the Genealogical Society, at a meeting of the Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter, D. A. R.

The Rev. Gibson Bell completed ten years as rector of All Saints Church, Wynnewood.

The annual report of the Narberth Branch of the Needlework Guild of America showed that 3258 garments had been collected and distributed by the organization.

A humorous skit on the vicissitudes of a bill in the State Legislature was presented by the Woman's Community Club under the auspices of Mrs. E. C. Batchelor.

February

Narberth was the host to 200 representatives of Parent-Teacher Associations of the county at the fifth annual convention held at the Narberth School. Kenneth L. M. Pray was elected president of the county organization and Mrs. C. T. Woolmington a vice-president.

Strong sentiment in favor of a change of the zoning of Montgomery Avenue from residential to business was manifested at a public hearing held by the Ordinance and Law Committee of Council.

John A. McSparran, State Secretary of Agriculture, was the speaker at a meeting of prohibition supporters held at the Methodist Church.

At the annual meeting of the Penn Valley Association, Walter D. Fuller was re-elected president. Others re-elected: Eugene Jordan, vice-president; Gibson Bell, secretary, and E. Burke Wilford, treasurer.

Miss Ellen Brinton, Field Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and a Borough resident, was the speaker at the Woman's Community Club, talking on "Mexico," which she visited the previous summer.

Narberth Boy Scouts participated in a "trooporee" program at Valley Forge.

March

Over 400 people attended a community service at the Methodist Church on a rainy evening to hear Rabbi William Fineshriber.

Thomas G. Hall, a veteran of the Civil War, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl Greyer, Essex Avenue, at the age of 97.

Permission was granted the Lower Merion basketball team, suburban champions, to participate in the State tournament, by the Lower Merion School Board.

A new zoning ordinance, incorporating a change from residential to business district for Montgomery Avenue, was introduced at Council and passed on first reading.

The purchase of a new American-LaFrance hose and chemical apparatus for the Narberth Fire Company was approved by Council.

Douglas Robertson, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Robertson, of Hampden Avenue, was elected captain of the Lower Merion swimming team for next year.

Lower Merion annexed the District 1 title in its quest for the State scholastic basketball championship.

A farce, "The Whole Town's Talking," was presented by the dramatic committee of the Woman's Community Club.

April

Announcement was made by Kenneth L. M. Pray, president of the Borough School Board, of the completion of plans for the complete remodeling and modernization of the Narberth school buildings.

Contributions of the colored race to American life, particularly in the arts, were outlined by James Weldon Johnson, eminent Negro poet, at a community service at the Methodist Church.

The appointment of Harvey J. Harman, a Borough resident, as head coach of the University of Pennsylvania football team was welcomed by Main Liners.

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Benefit for Unemployed

The Fellowship Committee of the Women's Community Club of Narberth will give a card party at the Philadelphia Electric Store in Wayne on January 22, 1932, for the benefit of unemployed in Narberth. There will be door prizes and a prize for each table. The tickets are 50 cents each and may be obtained from Mrs. Joseph H. Miller, chairman of the committee, Narberth 2856-J.



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New Book on Shakespeare Reads Like Mystery Story

The question has often been asked: "If you could spend a half hour with one of the immortals, which would you choose?" Professor Bradley once answered, "I should wish to spend the time with Shakespeare, in his tiring room, between the scenes of one of his plays."

The library now asks of its readers a similar question: "How would you like to spend a little time with this greatest English dramatist?"

One approaches a book about Shakespeare with no little apprehension, so much dull matter has been written that a piece of good literature is a rarity. Such a rarity is the book recently purchased by the library "Shakespeare Versus Shallow," by Leslie Hotson, newly appointed professor of English at Haverford College.

Dr. Hotson took seriously the statement of Halliwell-Phillips' paper—Memoranda, intended for the use of amateurs, who are sufficiently interested in the pursuit, to make searches in the public record office on the chance of discovering new facts respecting Shakespeare and the contemporary stage. The Guggenheim Foundation granted him a fellowship in England. He eagerly attacked the records, finding initial interest in the entries of "petitions for sureties of the peace," i. e., requests for protection against the harmful intentions of one's enemies.

Imagine the elation at discovering this:

Be it known that William Wayte craves sureties of the peace against William Shakespeare, Francis Langley, Dorothy Soer, wife of John Soer, and Anne Lee, for fear of death, and so forth.

That was the beginning. The search lasted two years. The result was a contribution to the field of Shakespearean criticism that is heralded by scholars as sensational. Peter Munro Jack calls it "the most important single discovery in Shakespeareana." Harry Hansen, in "Harper's," says, "If there is one new book which will live beyond our days it is 'Shakespeare Versus Shallow.'" Others in America and England have agreed with Tucker Brooke, who says "The book is essential to any Shakespearean's equipment."

Briefly told, Dr. Hotson's conclusions are as follows: By the end of October or the beginning of November, 1596, Shakespeare had moved across the Thames to Southwark. His company was acting at Langley's playhouse, The Swan. Shakespeare and Langley were seriously annoyed by a notoriously unjust local justice, William Gardiner and "that unconsidered trifle," his stepson, Wayte.

Shakespeare wrote "The Merry Wives of Windsor" for a production at the Garter Feast on April 23, 1597. He seized upon this excellent opportunity of making his enemies a subject for public ridicule. As a result "Shakespeare's magic has transmuted a sordid Southwark into a rural Gloucestershire. . . ." The very unpopular Gardiner becomes the lying braggart, Shallow and his stepson Wayte, become "that most exquisite of ninnyes, Abraham Slender."

The book reads like a modern mystery story. Indeed, the author famed also for his discovery of Shelley's Lost Letters of Harriet and for his paper on the manner of Christopher Marlowe's death has been called "a literary detective extraordinary."

To evaluate adequately this contribution to Shakespearean criticism, one must be a scholar; but to enjoy it, one needs only to be a lover of the dramatist of Stratford.

As a rule, life is just a lot of ifs and buts.

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This Matter of the Colonies

The recent proposal of Congressman Louis T. McFadden, that England and France turn over to the United States a few colonial possessions as part payment on debts, is an intriguing idea. It holds interesting possibilities from many angles.

Pride of possession, pride in population and a gain in natural resources would about encompass the advantages accruing to the United States from such a deal. If Europe is about ready to go bankrupt, as the more gloomy aver, then it would be a good way of salvaging some rather questionable accounts receivable.

We are curious, however, to learn the reaction of the colonies which might be involved, and of the tourist. In other words, would these possessions near to the coasts of North America be more attractive to tourists under the Stars and Stripes or under the Union Jack? The answer to that question lies in a definition of the reason why a Main Line resident travels beyond the boundaries of the United States.

We will subscribe to Congressman McFadden's plan provided the colonies so attained be left as they are. We should hate to see the coral roads of Bermuda decked with sign boards and the tropical forests of Jamaica dotted with hot-dog stands. And these English and French folk—to say nothing of their visitors—do like their afternoon sip!

We cannot think of a better year to bid good-bye, nor a better time to say Happy New Year. Much has happened, some pleasant, much unpleasant, to the Main Line. But, despite bank failures and business troubles, the old year has still left us with a most attractive section in which to live, and a perfectly good excuse for optimism about the future. One cannot be sure about such things, but we prophesy that a year from now we may honestly say in retrospect, "A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Policemen Who Caught Thieves Praised by Burgess

Commendation for the work of two Narberth policemen was made by Burgess Henry A. Frye this week.

Mr. Frye's letter to the two men follows:

December 29th, 1931.

"Officers August Bailey and George Potter:

"The police report for December 22d, 1931, records in a very brief manner the pursuit and capture of two automobile thieves. Lest what was really a notable achievement be lost sight of by reason of this meager statement, it is my desire to properly recognize and commend the service which you rendered at that time.

"It is all too often said that policemen only hear from the citizens whom they protect in both life and property when there is some complaint to be made. During recent weeks there has been a great deal said about the number of cars and articles left in cars that have been stolen. It has been increasingly evident that those who were responsible for this were willing to take desperate chances and that only similar action by the police would solve the problem. No better testimony could be given to your work than that you succeeded under such conditions—and at great personal risk to your safety.

"Service beyond the line of duty always commends itself to public recognition, and it is therefore my desire to express to you by this rather inadequate means of the written word an

official "Thank you!" and say that everybody in Narberth appreciates what two of our own boys have done in order to make this a safer and better place in which to live.

"Sincerely yours,

"HENRY A. FRYE.

"Burgess."

New Assistant at All Saints Seen as Happy Choice

David Holmes, newly appointed assistant to the Rector of All Saints' Church in Wynnewood, is an especially happy choice for the position he has been assigned to fill.

The son of Dr. Arthur Holmes, distinguished psychologist, and Mrs. Holmes, he has the background of a boyhood spent in the academic atmosphere of the various colleges where Dr. Holmes was stationed. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of the Philadelphia Divinity School, where he was granted the degree of Th. B. in June. Tall and broad-shouldered, with a deep voice and an engaging smile, Mr. Holmes will be an ideal leader for the young people's organizations and the Sunday school, to whose care he is especially assigned.

While house master at Girard College Mr. Holmes was married to Miss Florence Crush, a graduate of Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania and a former instructor of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are planning to live in Narberth.

Shreds & Patches

No organization, group or sect employs the Vagrant as spokesman nor even holds him in membership. As a waif he wanders outside those walls and barriers which so comfortably enclose his fellowmen. Occasional glimpses within sometimes stir in him a faint longing for that security of which the price is only a little conformity, but always the walls seem to be too confining and he turns away. His utterances are only his own, as ephemeral as the fireside musings of a night-bound traveler in a tavern, a wanderer who talks furtively to congenial strangers, but who will depart with the sunrise and be forgotten by them ere the dew is off the grass.

The Narberth Players amply justified themselves in their presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" at the Community Christmas service. In addition to the most accomplished amateur actors of the community, they have assembled an important supporting group of stage technicians and directors. The availability of such a competent and specialized organization increases what may be termed the community equipment. In turn, there should and undoubtedly will be generous community response for their next regular presentation at which, of course, adequate gate receipts will be desired.

Anxiety for one spendthrift shrub which might greet next spring empty-handed filled the mind of the Vagrant in a garden recently when he paused before a bush honeysuckle which in heedless enthusiasm had burst its buds and produced here and there a frail and fragrant blossom. Yet here was authentic beauty gracing an otherwise dead garden. The Vagrant's thoughts veered about, as they so often do, caught by the message of the honeysuckle which spoke in his musings thus: "What care I for your laws of season or of reason? I open my heart freely to all kindly influences, no matter when or where displayed. For though they came in what you term December, those were the caressing breezes of spring that of late blew over my responsive buds; they were the skies of May that hung protectingly over them; it was the sun of violets and crocuses that sent its warm rays down among the branches. And all winter long I shall have happy memories, and if with scanty blossoms I greet next April, there will be no misunderstanding between me and spring."

At Christmas time there came to many not of that fold, including the Vagrant, a message entitled "Peace to Men of Good Will." It came from only one such group and that was the organization which, though admittedly the mother of all Christians, is thought by many to be the most self-sufficient, the most self-contained. The message read: "To you, our non-Catholic brothers in good will, we wish to show our own good will by asking God to grant to you and yours peace, happiness and health; and by wishing you all that goes with that time-hallowed greeting—a Merry Christmas!"

The Vagrant wonders how many others there were who vainly twirled their radio dials on Christmas eve and Christmas Day to find something appropriate and appealing. Only a few years ago when broadcasting was still young and was engaged in cultivating the sale of receiving sets as a means of home entertainment, the Christmas programs, even though quite repetitive, were really delightful and certainly satisfying. Now that the receiving sets have been sold to the public and "the air" to the advertisers and the advertisers themselves have signed contracts with various pairs of comedians, impersonators and wise-crackers, there is, in the opinion of the Vagrant, nothing left but to wheel out the abandoned Victrola with its old records which make available real music when and as wanted.

THE VAGRANT.

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2 bots., 25c

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SOAP
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TASTYEAST
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3 bars, 10c
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SOAP
2 bars, 10c

Ivins' Lunch-on
Thins, lb., 23c

Kirkman's
Borax Soap
bar, 5c
Soap Chips
lg. pkg., 17c
sml., 3 for 21c

Everyday Milk
tall can, 7c
sml., 3 for 11c

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Bosant, lb., 23c
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SHRIMP
can, 15c

Gulden's
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9c; 3 pkgs., 25c

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RAISINS
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PEACHES
lb., 19c

Pabst-Ette
CHEESE
pkg., 17c

Ready-to-Fry
CODFISH
2 cans, 25c

MATCHES
6 boxes, 19c

Cut Rite Paper
2 pkgs., 15c

Mione Hand Soap
8c; 3 cans, 23c

Early June Peas
10c; 2 cans, 19c

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THE FIRESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Stokes, of Righters Mill Road, Penn Valley, sailed on Saturday for Bermuda.

Mr. and Mrs. George Norman Gill, of Dudley Avenue, entertained at a holiday dinner party on Monday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Miller, Miss Lillian Tripp, of Asbury Park, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Stiefel, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Larney and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearson.

Miss Mabel Stull, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Miss Erma Ruth Minick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Minick, of Windsor Avenue, over the New Year week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. MacGuffin, of Chestnut Avenue, entertained at dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Edgerton, of Chestnut Avenue, will have as their guests on New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols, of Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heining, of Elmwood Avenue, spent the Christmas holidays in Alliance, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Roberts, of the Baird Apartments, are spending two weeks in Dennison, Ia.

Mrs. Phillip A. Pitcher, of Forest Avenue, gave a small tea on Monday when the engagement of Miss Elinor Close, daughter of Mr. Ralph Close, of Westwood, N. J., formerly of 25 Windsor Avenue, and Mr. William Cushman, of Trona, Calif, was announced. The wedding will take place sometime in the spring.

Mrs. Albert H. Ripper, of Dudley Avenue, gave a Christmas luncheon and party for the members of her bridge club on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, of Sabine Avenue, spent the Christmas holidays in Pittsburgh.

Miss Miriam Lindsey, who is a student at Cornell University, is visiting her aunts, Mrs. Farson and Miss Farson, of Essex Avenue, during the Christmas holidays. Miss Whitmarsh, of New York, is also the guest of Mrs. Farson and Miss Farson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fortenbacher, of Lantwyn Lane, spent the Christmas holidays in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. J. K. Laughlin, of Cedar Lane, Merion, entertained at her home last Tuesday evening for the following college girls who are spending the Christmas vacation at their homes: Miss Helen Louise Thomas, of Wellesly College; Miss Barbara Sutherland, of the University of Michigan, and Miss Joyce Trenholme, of the University of Pennsylvania. There were eight guests.

Mr. G. Morhard, of Lantwyn Lane, is recuperating from a recent illness and is planning a trip south.

Mrs. Marie Kirchenbauer, of Dudley Avenue, spent the Christmas holidays in Pittsburgh.

To Be Guest of Honor



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MISS ELIZABETH McMULLIN, the popular debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman McMullin, of Bryn Mawr, who will be the guest of honor at a dinner-dance on February 6, to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cover, Jr., of Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. Hughes and her son, Mr. John R. Hughes, of Narberth Hall, spent the holidays in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fisher, of Narberth Hall, also spent the Christmas holidays in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt Mueller, of Essex Avenue, had as their guests at dinner on Christmas Day, Miss Lily Andujar, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Lily Andujar and her sons, John and Manuel Andujar, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Frederick Bates, Jr.

Miss Imogene Schaffer, of New York, spent a week as the guest of Mrs. Eberhardt Mueller.

Miss Anne Compton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Compton, of Woodbine Avenue, will spend the week-end in Newark, N. J. Her brother, Mr. Bud Compton, will spend the week-end in Lebanon, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Compton will be the guests of Mr. Compton's aunts, Mrs. Kinsey Thorne; Mrs. Benjamin Hallett and Mrs. John Henderson and Mr. Compton's mother, Mrs. Anna C. Compton, of Devon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Durbin, of North Narberth Avenue, had as their guests on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winne, of Wilmington, Del., and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Durbin, Jr.

Miss Eleanor Grace, formerly of Lansdowne, now of Syracuse, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Jean Byall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Byall, of Bryn Mawr Avenue, Penn Valley, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Byall and Miss Byall entertained at an informal supper and bridge on Tuesday night in honor of Miss Grace.

Miss Elma Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Reese, of Hampden Avenue, and Miss Ann Reihl, of Olney, are spending several days in Atlantic City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leary, of Wildwood Crest, N. J., are occupying an apartment at the Baird Apartments for the winter.

Miss Alberta Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis, of Iona Avenue, is spending the holidays in Pittsburgh.

Miss Betty Armstrong, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. C. L. Brearly, of Elm Terrace, for the holidays.

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W. M. F. S. Meets Monday

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in the church parlor on Monday at 2 o'clock. A very interesting program has been prepared. Members are urged to come and to bring their Christmas offering.

L. M. Thompson



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Greetings

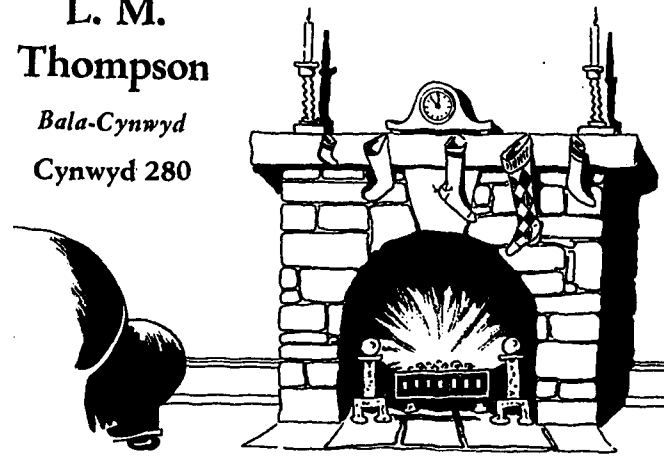
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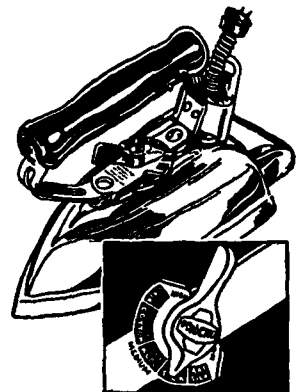


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Politics, Bank Failure, Zoning Among Year's Outstanding Events in Borough—Digest of News

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Nelson Eddy, popular Philadelphia baritone, was a guest soloist at the spring concert of the Methodist Church Choir.

Ralph S. Dunne was elected president of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club for the year beginning July 1. Also chosen were: J. Bedford Wooley, vice-president; William H. Fowler, secretary, and John W. Murray, treasurer.

The life of Dr. Benjamin Rush, Revolutionary figure, was sketched by Harry M. Chalfant at a meeting of the Narberth Chapter bearing his name.

Eugene Davis was re-elected manager of the Narberth Baseball Club for the 1931 season. William H. Durbin was elected president of the club.

Officers chosen at the annual election of the Woman's Community Club were as follows: President, Mrs. J. A. Hongler; vice president, Mrs. W. C. Newman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Miller. Mrs. Henry A. Frye was elected a vice president for a one-year term and the following were elected directors: Mrs. W. Russell Green, Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Mrs. W. J. Loughlin and Mrs. H. F. Stevens.

Narberth firemen and representatives of the Lower Merion Fire Companies were the recipients of a testimonial dinner given by the Mulieres, auxiliary of the Narberth Fire Company.

Officers elected by the Junior Community Club for the season were as follows: Mrs. Ellsworth Clark, president; Mrs. James D. Moore, first vice-president; Mrs. Harold M. Griest, second vice-president; Miss Virginia Steinfeld, recording secretary; Miss Martha Maxwell, corresponding secretary, and Miss Margaret J. Burrell, treasurer.

Herbert Roser, of Brookhurst Avenue, was crowned Main Line district marble champion in the playoffs held on the Narberth playground. He eliminated Paul Tapp, Narberth school champion.

Roy Williams, of Merion Avenue, was elected captain of the Lower Merion basketball team for 1931-32.

May

A new petition was presented to Council requesting the inclusion of Windsor Avenue from Narberth to Essex and the sections of Essex, Forest and Narberth now in a residential district, in the central business district.

The same school tax rate as that for 1930, 20 mills and \$2 per capita, was fixed for 1931 by the Narberth School Board.

Miss Frances Christ was appointed assistant librarian at the Community Library by action of the Board of Trustees of the Library Association.

Announcement was made that Miss Miriam Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Strong, of Narbrook Park, was the winner of a fellowship at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, for 1931-32. Miss Strong was a senior at Oberlin College.

The following officers were elected by the Sub-Juniors of the Woman's Community Club for the coming season: Kitty Jane Miller, president; Evelyn Hansell, vice-president; Dot Metius, corresponding secretary; Katherine Lukens, recording secretary; Winnie James, treasurer.

A premium of \$1729.15 was given the Narberth School Board on its bond issue of \$55,000 to finance the reconstruction of the school building.

At a special meeting the board decided to keep the present seventh grade at the Narberth School for the next year due to the increasing tuition costs at Lower Merion Junior High and because of more space available in the Narberth School.

Mrs. Fred E. Derby was re-elected president of the State organization of King's Daughters, a post she has held since 1911.

The Parent-Teacher Association elected the following officers for 1931-32: Mrs. Samuel J. McCartney, president; Walter Steckbeck, vice-president;

Miss Mary Hoover, second vice-president; Miss McLaughlin, recording and corresponding secretary, and Mrs. George Schroder, treasurer.

Mrs. H. Prentiss Nichols, honorary member, was the guest of honor at the spring luncheon of the Woman's Community Club.

The Narberth baseball team opened the season with a 7-5 victory over Lansdowne in a Main Line League game.

Herbert Roser, 13-year-old Main Line district marble champ, annexed the Philadelphia district honors at City Hall.

Dr. William A. Pearson, of Avon Road, was elected president of the Philadelphia Rotary Club.

Tristan B. duMarais was re-elected president of the Narberth Fire Company. Other officers re-elected: Edwin P. Dold, vice president; J. Frazer Purse, secretary, and George B. Supplee, treasurer.

Fred Walzer announced his candidacy for the post of sheriff of Montgomery County.

June

The proposed change in the Borough Zoning Ordinance, making a new business district on Montgomery Avenue, was stricken from the revised draft of the ordinance by action of the committee of the whole of Council. An informal poll showed that four Councilmen were opposed to the inclusion of that section in the new ordinance.

Miss Josephine Baker, of 290 Haverford Avenue, was announced as the winner of the Bryn Mawr College scholarship by the Lower Merion School Board.

At the closing exercises of the Narberth School, the Nellie M. Wetherill award was presented to Eleanor Briner and Cyril Voight.

Agreement was reached between John T. Odell, proprietor of the General Wayne Inn, and a gas company for the erection of a gasoline filling station on the inn property.

Approximately twenty people met at the home of W. Russell Green to organize a players' group for the borough.

July

A crowd of approximately 10,000 viewed the fireworks display on the Community Playground staged on the Fourth under the auspices of the Narberth Legion Post.

Announcement was made that two additional tennis courts and a wading pool would be constructed at the Playground through the generosity of the trustees of the Old Y, who turned over a fund of approximately \$1000 to the Recreation Board.

The Narberth Building and Loan Association mailed out checks at the maturity of the twenty-ninth series, amounting to over \$160,000, the largest maturity in the history of the association.

The revised zoning ordinance, under consideration by Council for several months, was adopted at the July meeting. Minor changes were made to facilitate administration of the ordinance but no change in the business districts was made.

The Narberth Fire Company baseball team won the first-half championship of the Police-Firemen's League.

Alan J. Smith, of Wynnedale Road, was appointed to the Board of Adjustment by Burgess Henry A. Frye to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of P. B. Krout.

Walter Masters, former pitching ace of the Narberth Club, was presented with an electric chime clock by a group of Narberth fans before the double-header between Washington, of whose pitching staff Masters is a member, and the Athletics.

Philip A. Livingston, publisher of "Our Town," was the speaker at a meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club.

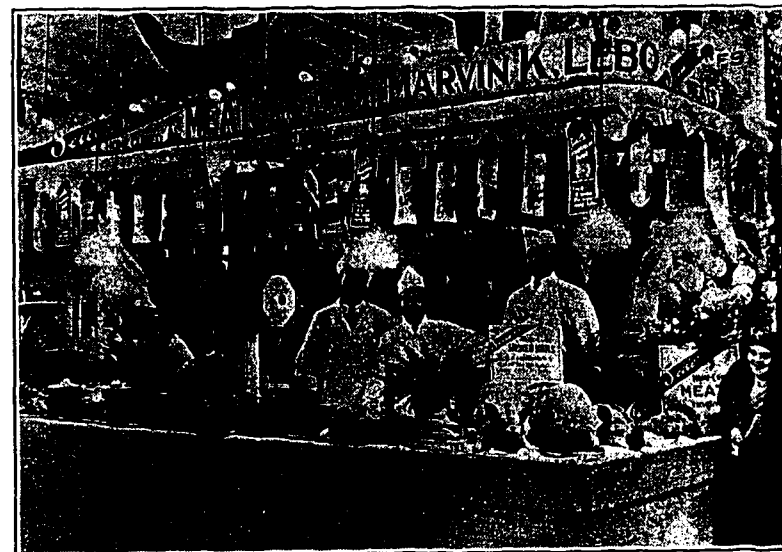
Charles Sykes, noted cartoonist, related the history of the cartoon at a Rotary Club meeting.

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Louis A. Young, of Grove Place, accepted an invitation of Main Line citizens to run for the post of County Commissioner at the fall primaries.

New American LaFrance fire apparatus was delivered to the Narberth Fire Company.

The Rev. Henry Clay Shindle, Civil War veteran, died July 28 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. H. Durboraw, of Elmwood Avenue. Mr. Shindle was 92.

Edward L. Pedrick, a resident of the borough for the past twenty-seven years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mabel Pedrick, Grayling Avenue, on July 26.

August

Narberth lost the rubber game of a three-way series to the Hilldale nine, 10-4.

John A. Mowrer, Jr., of Montgomery Avenue, announced his candidacy for a seat in the Borough Council.

Impressions of his European trip, including the Rotary International convention at Vienna, were given to the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club by Howard Cotter shortly after his return.

"Play Day" was celebrated at the Community Playground with special program of games and events and the awarding of prizes by Dr. LeRoy A. King, president of the Recreation Board.

Work was begun on an addition to the Community Building to provide showers and toilet facilities for playground users.

A men's bridge club was organized under the sponsorship of E. C. Griswold with headquarters in the room in Elm Hall formerly used by the Community Club. The new organization is open only to men of the borough and vicinity.

September

By defeating Bryn Mawr, Llanerch and Paoli over the first week-end of the month, the Narberth baseball team took the lead in the Main Line League.

The Mulieres staged a card party to raise funds for the forthcoming carnival at Elm Hall.

At the primary election on September 15 the Boyd-Just ticket of Republican insurgents, numbering Narberth's two candidates for county office, "Lou" Young and Fred Walzer, in its midst, carried the borough by a large margin but lost out in the county. In the only contest for borough offices, John A. Mowrer, Jr., defeated Clifford W. Bates, incumbent, for the Republican nomination for Council.

A lively debate was staged at Council over the free use of the Community Building by the Woman's Community Club. A resolution of disapproval was passed, recalled and defeated.

Narberth captured the second-half title and prepared to meet Paoli for the year's crown.

Through the Narberth Players, the borough was represented in Wayne's Pageant of Patriotism.

Two hundred attended the first meeting of the season of the Narberth Parent-Teacher Association.

Reduction of the School District's debt by \$15,000 was accomplished by the Board's action in paying off this amount on old bond issues.

A long-time resident of Narberth, "Acer Platanoides," the Norway maple which had stood at the station for nearly forty years, was removed.

October

Its twenty-sixth series of stock was opened by the Narberth American Legion Building and Loan Association.

The Narberth baseball team was defeated 10-1 in the fifth and final game of the championship series, thereby losing the Main Line League title for the first time in four years.

Mrs. A. A. Crooks was the speaker at the opening meeting of the Women's Community Club held in the new meeting place, the Community Building.

Mrs. C. J. Goodyear was elected president of St. Margaret's Guild. Other officers chosen: Mrs. Frank X. Purcell, vice president; Mrs. C. B.

Stoudt, secretary; Mrs. J. M. Henry, treasurer, and Mrs. J. M. Townsend, chairman of hostesses.

John A. Mowrer, Jr., was elected commander of the Harold D. Speakman Post, American Legion, succeeding Frank A. Schrepfer.

A loyalty crusade, in celebration of the first anniversary of the completion of the new building, was conducted by the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church.

A monster carnival was staged in Elm Hall by the Mulieres for the benefit of the Narberth Fire Company.

Edward H. Snow, Lower Merion Junior High principal, was the speaker at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Players and officers of the Narberth Baseball Club were honored at a testimonial banquet tendered them at Elm Hall. It was attended by some 125 residents. Jimmy Dykes was the chief speaker.

The borough was granted county aid to the extent of \$3000 for highway work to help relieve local unemployment. Haverford Avenue and Windsor Avenue were subsequently repaved.

Mrs. Joseph M. Caley, State Regent of the D. A. R., was among the guests at a luncheon celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter held at the Methodist Church.

The affairs of the Merion Title and Trust Company of Ardmore were placed in the hands of the State Banking Department and the bank's doors were closed on the morning of October 28.

November

Councilman Clifford W. Bates retained his seat in Council by defeating Mowrer in the general election by 52 votes. He was re-elected under Democratic colors, having lost the Republican nomination in September. Messrs. Fretz and Haws were also re-elected.

Nancy Byrd Turner, poet and editor, was the speaker at the Woman's Community Club. She gave a sketch of her life and readings from her poems.

Harvey Harman, Dean Warren P. Laird and Dr. James C. Miller were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the Legion. Dr. LeRoy A. King was presented the Post's distinguished service certificate.

A big success was scored by the Narberth Players in their first production "Bilked," a mystery play, given at Elm Hall.

At the annual meeting of the Narberth Branch of the Needlework Guild the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. F. H. Hewitt; president, Mrs. A. H. Durboraw; first vice president, Mrs. A. C. Follette; second vice president, Mrs. Robert H. Durbin; third vice president, Mrs. W. H. Fox; treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Mueller; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. G. Compton.

Robert Taylor, of Brookhurst Avenue, was elected captain of the Lower

Merion football team for 1932.

Kitty Jane Miller, of North Narberth Avenue, was elected captain of the girls' hockey team at Lower Merion for next year.

December

The minstrel men of St. Margaret's Church staged "An Uproar in Pinafore."

A total of \$1034 was netted in the borough as the result of the annual Red Cross Roll Call.

Kenneth L. M. Pray was re-elected president of the Narberth School Board at its reorganization meeting. Mrs. Harvey W. Monks was elected vice president, succeeding Mrs. F. T. Van Auker, who was not a candidate for re-election in the fall. Mrs. Edna Rinehart, elected to the Board this fall, took her seat.

Provision for 10 per cent. payment on Christmas Club accounts in the Merion Title was made through a loan by Edward S. Murray, a director of the institution.

An ordinance fixing the borough tax rate at 18 mills, the same as for 1931, was introduced at the December meeting of Council.

Nearly eight hundred people attended the community Christmas service at the Methodist Church. It featured a presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," sponsored by the Narberth Players and representatives from other groups.

A plan, sponsored by a committee of the Ardmore Legion Post, to establish a new bank, utilizing assets of the Merion Title and Trust Company, was presented to depositors of that institution through the newspapers on December 18, four days after liquidation was ordered by the State Banking Department.

Alba B. Johnson told of his trip to Spain at a meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club.

A special Christmas program was presented at the Woman's Club.

The Narberth Legion and the Men's Club of All Saints entertained needy youngsters of the borough and vicinity at Christmas parties.

The Mulieres sponsored an "open house" for all members of the community at Elm Hall on Christmas night.

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THE FIRESIDE

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown and family, of Belleville, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kansteiner and family, of Bayonne, N. J., and Mr. William Hill, of Boomfield, N. J., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White, of Brookhurst Avenue, on Sunday.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. White had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Evans and family; Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Fetter and family, Mrs. Lillian Wise and Mrs. Bessie Steelman, all of Pitman, N. J.

Dr. W. A. Pearson, dean of Hahnemann Medical College, and Mrs. Pearson, of Avon Road, gave a dinner at the Cynwyd Club on Christmas Day for the foreign students of the Hahnemann Medical College. Among the guests were students from Korea, Japan, Porto Rico, Spain and other countries.

Mrs. W. Russell Green and her daughter, Miss Trudell Green, of Woodbine Avenue, attended the annual Christmas reunion of Camp Tweedale, at Whitford Lodge on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Green have as their guests for the holidays, Miss Molly Flynn, former director of Camp Tweedale, now of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Miss Ruth Tefft, of Gloversville, N. Y., who is the director of Camp Tweedale; Miss Loretta Soper, Miss Alice Kramer, both of New York City, and Mrs. C. Watt Trent, of Charleston, W. Va.

Miss Molly Flynn gave a theatre party for the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Green on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Torrey, of Brookhurst Avenue, are entertaining at an informal bridge party on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. J. L. De Hart, of Price Avenue, gave a party in honor of her daughter, Miss Virginia De Hart, on Tuesday afternoon. The guests were the members of the school set.

Mrs. Henry Ainsworth Smith, of Rockglen Road, Penn Wynne, gave a Christmas party on Monday afternoon for the members of her Sunday school class of the Narberth Presbyterian Church. The guests were Miss Ruth Woolnington, Miss Margaret Eaches, Miss Edna Hipwell, Miss Virginia Morford, Miss Nancy Simpson, Miss Martha Wheeler, Miss Dorothy Spark and Miss Eleanor McClay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Woolmington, of Narbrook Park, had as their guests last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Woolmington, of Llanerch, and their son, Mr. Merrill Woolmington, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Finn and their son, Mr. John Finn, of Boonton Park, N. J., who is a teacher at the Freehold Military School, Freehold, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolmington's son, Mr. Parker Woolmington, returned last Wednesday accompanied by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Parker, of Norristown, from a several days' stay in Delmar, Del.

Miss Mary Digby and Mrs. John Broggini, of Philadelphia, are entertaining at a New Year's Eve party at the home of Miss Digby, at the Berkeley Apartments, on Thursday night. There are 16 guests.

Miss Ida Buckman spent the Christmas holidays in Trenton, N. J.

Miss Evelyn Jefferis, of Dudley Avenue, attended a dance at Pine Lodge, Wycombe, on Monday night.

Miss Ruth Quinn returned with Miss Jefferis and is spending the holidays as her guest.

Miss Betty Hartley, of Haverford Avenue, entertained at bridge on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Irving Dothard and Mr. Robert Dothard, of Haverford Avenue, spent the week-end in New York.

Among those who attended the dance on Monday evening given by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pocock, of Merion, in honor of their son, Mr. James J. Pocock, Jr., were Miss Peggy Duncan, Miss Virginia Abel, Miss Louise Doris, Miss Janet Dunbar, Miss Janet Cairn, Miss Kitty Jane Miller, Miss Sue Collins,

Miss Betty Coleman, Mr. Frederick Pierce, Mr. Thomas O'Keefe, Mr. Ned Bartlett, Mr. Edward Moore, Mr. Bud Kanaga, Mr. Jack Condon, Mr. Edward Wunder and Mr. Hunter Lott.

Miss Jane Kolb, of Haverford Avenue, is entertaining at a dance on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Haigh and their son, Mr. Elsworth Haigh and Mr. Robert Haigh, of Narberth Avenue, spent the Christmas holidays in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Samuel Clarke, of Montclair, N. J., spent Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, of N. Narberth Avenue.

Miss Katherine Jane Miller, of N. Narberth Avenue, will be "at home" on New Year's Day from 4 until 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Loos and family, of Shirley Road, spent Sunday in Lancaster, Pa., where they were the guests of Mrs. A. W. Davis.

Mrs. Eberhardt Mueller, of Essex Avenue, president of the Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company, is giving a card party and tea next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Elm Hall, for all the women who assisted at the booths at the Firemen's Carnival held in October and for the incoming and outgoing officers of the Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morse and Mr. Elliott H. Morse, of S. Narberth Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Kern W. McHose, of Shady Lane, were among the arrivals at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, in Atlantic City, last week-end.

Magic and Movies Mark Legion Xmas Party

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Gang were cheered by the children.

The mood of expectancy grew as the afternoon wore on and shouts of delight greeted the appearance of Santa Claus. Every child received a gift of a toy and a box of candy, together with the inevitable orange. Santa made his presentations under a beautiful tree, decorated by a committee under the direction of C. J. Clarke. Admission was by tickets, donated by the Narberth Printing Company.

The large number of toys and games distributed were supplied to the Legion by Gene Davis at actual cost. The 100 and more oranges were donated by Max's fruit and vegetable establishment. Cash contributions were received from Miss Laura Kapper, Mrs. Margaret Derby and Mrs. R. L. Russell. Mrs. J. W. Danville gave a beautiful doll coach and doll, and several other gifts, including the tree.

Commenting on the party, Commander Mowrer expressed the appreciation of the Legion to those who had made it possible by generous gifts and efforts. He also voiced the appreciation of all the members of the post to Chairman John Nash of the committee that carried the affair to its successful conclusion.

J. C. Simpson, Long Time Narberth Resident, Passes

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in August, 1893. He was a member of the first Borough Council and its president from 1896 to 1900. (The borough was incorporated in 1895.)

Interested in all borough affairs, Mr. Simpson was an ardent baseball fan and supporter of the Narberth baseball team, on which his three sons played at one time.

Mr. Simpson was at one time engaged in the book publishing business. He was a member of the Norristown Real Estate Board.

Although well along in years, Mr. Simpson was as active and alert as a man many years younger. His passing has occasioned expressions of regret from his numberless friends in the borough and elsewhere.

Some people give in before they give anything away.

Most motorists honk their horns loudest after midnight.

'Open House' Xmas Day Enjoyed by Many

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nished the music for the dancing. About 150 attended the open house.

Burgess Frye spoke as follows: "This has been a 'different' Christmas for everybody. The merchants say that their prospects were never so gloomy as last week, while the average family has been living in a blue funk for weeks because they realized that by no possible means could the money be available to spend as in previous years. As the day approached and we were faced with the fact that we would have to make the most of it, we all set out to do the best we could and soon found companionship with our friends and neighbors who were doing the same thing. As a climax to all the thinking we had done we suddenly came to the realization that it would not be such a bad Christmas after all, and now I am told by some of our business men that the past two days witnessed the greatest buying in such a space of time as has ever been seen on Haverford Avenue.

"To my mind the answer is not hard to find. Present conditions have forced to deal with the realities of life as never before, and despite our hardships, the experience has not been an unpleasant one. In the fierce heat of our struggle we have come to appreciate that most of our values in life are abiding, although some are fleeting. In our extremities we have seized upon those that are real and tried to make our Christmas count for those we love and those in need—and from it has come that blessing which has slowly but nevertheless surely brought us out of ourselves.

"Summer is coming again and most of us will be somewhere in the land of

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the living to enjoy it. Let us believe that now and we can enter into the spirit of this evening's entertainment and make the occasion one long to be remembered."

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'Time Out'

By TOMMY MACKLIN

This column would go on record now with the statement that Lower Merion will be Suburban champions in basketball this season if it were not for the fact that to do so would make it harder for Coach Bill Anderson to keep his athletes working at top speed all the time. The boys always manage to read what is said about them and if too much praise or favorable criticism is written they seem to let up, with the idea that everything is in the bag. We want to avoid that for the sake of Coach Bill and the boys.

If the Maroon team continues to work, and WORK HARD, the team is almost certain to come through again. This prediction is made not on the man power of the team, but because of the superior system of coaching that is employed at the Lower Merion institution. The problem the boys have to work out is to get into the team play and do what Coach Bill tells them.

The first two paragraphs may include rather bold statements and we believe they do, particularly with our neighboring school, Haverford High, boasting the finest looking group of basketballers in Suburban Philadelphia. Coach Mentzer has such a first-class team that the captain has been unable to break into the starting lineup. We saw the Haverford boys play West Catholic last week, and we found the man power of the squad to be easily the finest in the league. They are, in addition, polished in basketball ways. Good shooters, fine passers, fast and steady.

The team is made up of Wee McCahon and Eddie Manno at forward, Warren Fairbanks at center and Dick Brunhouse and Johnny Gray at the guard posts. Captain Bob Owens and Hatton play as substitutes at forward, Dave Watson at center and Plank and Forrest as guards. In these two teams Mentzer has wonderful prospects. He loses Gray and McCahon in February, but Owens and Forrest will almost make up for the loss.

The Haverfordians are all enthused about the "new" defense employed by this year's team. Coach Ray Mentzer played on the Dickinson College five where the zone defense, or three and two, was, and is used. This style of play was discarded by all the teams in the suburbs a few years back when Bill Anderson's man-to-man style of play completely overwhelmed all opposition using it. This is the first time any coach has attempted it since then. We believe Coach Mentzer will have to depart from it if he is to win the league diadem this year. There are advantages to the system, but a team of good spot shooters can defeat it nine out of ten times on any floor that is large. The unfortunate part about it for the other teams is that a lot of attention must be devoted to an offense against it, and Haverford and possibly Cheltenham are the only teams that use it. Thus the other teams must drill against two styles of defense. That is hard on the coaches, but good in the long run for the boys.

In high school basketball the best offense is a good defense. That reverses the old time-worn slogan, but this year's Lower Merion team will prove it, we think. Bill has a team of good defensive players but no shooters to boast of. Watch the results.

Haverford will not win the league championship with the zone defense. They had better shift, and shift quickly before it is too late.

On the road to success, one has to stop now and then to avoid being bumped by the fellow who has reversed.

Church Notes

Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. Samuel MacAdams, Minister.

Sunday, January 3:
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship. The sacrament of Holy Communion.
6:45 P. M.—Epworth League.
7:45 P. M.—Evening worship and sermon.

Monday, January 4:
2:00 P. M.—Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the church parlor. Members are urged to be present and to bring their Christmas offering.

8:00 P. M.—Monthly meeting of the Official Board.

Tuesday, January 5:
8:15 P. M.—The fourth quarterly conference.

Wednesday, January 6:
7:30 P. M.—Preparatory Members' Class.

8:00 P. M.—Prayer Meeting.

9:00 P. M.—Monthly meeting of the Sunday School Board.

The Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Van Ness, D.D., Minister.

Meetings for January 3, 1932:

9:45 A. M.—Bible School.
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship. New Year's service. Sermon theme: "This Year Also."

11:00 A. M.—The Junior Church, conducted by Mrs. A. S. Digby and Mrs. H. A. Smith.

6:45 P. M.—Meetings of the three Christian Endeavor Societies.

7:45 P. M.—Evening worship. Sermon theme: "Discerning the Signs of the Times." Special music by a Children's Chorus.

Next Tuesday evening—The Community Bible Class, taught by Miss Harrison.

Next Wednesday evening—Preparatory meeting looking forward to the Communion service of the following Sunday.

Next Thursday from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.—The meeting of the Women's Auxiliary. Sewing, luncheon, business meeting and fine fellowship.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Cletus A. Senft, Pastor.

Sunday, January 3, 1932:

9:30 A. M.—Bible School. Classes for all ages.

11:00 A. M.—The Morning service. Theme: "Four Viewpoints."

7:45 P. M.—The evening service. Theme: "Andrew, the Dependable."

The Luther League Devotional Meeting will be held on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 instead of the usual time.

Tuesday, 2:00 P. M.: Woman's Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Toomey, 2 Stuart Avenue.

Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.: Semper Fidelis Club (young women) will meet at the home of Esther Durboraw, 125 Elmwood Avenue; 8:00 P. M.: Council Meeting.

Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.: Junior Choir rehearsal; 8:00 P. M.: Teachers' Association at the home of Rev. Senft, 300 Woodside Avenue.

Thursday, 4:00 P. M.: Weekday Church School; 7:30 P. M.: Choir rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Senft, 300 Woodside Avenue.

Friday, 8:00 P. M.: Preparatory service for the Holy Communion, which will be administered Sunday, January 10, both morning and evening.

Baptist Church of the Evangel

Robert E. Keighton, Minister.

Sunday, January 3, 1932:

9:45 A. M.—Service of the Church School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning worship and Communion. A special Communion service for the New Year.

7:45 P. M.—Evening worship. Sermon: "Tomorrow."

Monday, January 4:

7:30 P. M.—The young people resume rehearsals in the church.

Tuesday, January 5:

10:30 A. M.—Meeting of the White

Cross.

12:00 Noon—Devotional service, led by the Pastor.

2:00 P. M.—Address by Miss Mabel Seymour, hostess of the Houses of Fellowship at Atlantic City.

8:00 P. M.—Meeting of the trustees in the church.

Wednesday, January 6:

8:00 P. M.—Prayer service. Topic: "The Why and How of Missions."

Friday, January 8:

7:30 P. M.—Meeting of the junior boys and girls of the church and school for organization and plans for the coming months.

The ages are from 9 to 14. We invite all to enjoy this evening with us.

Hall, Sparks & Harris have sold for Jennie G. Hunter a wooded plot of ground with a frontage of 100 feet, located on the westerly side of Woodley Road, south of Bowman Avenue, Merion, together with an all-stone Colonial style residence, containing thirteen rooms with four baths and two-car garage to be erected by Rowe Construction Company at a total cost of about \$27,500. When the residence is completed in the early spring, the purchaser will occupy it as his home.



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Wanted

WANTED—White woman for part-time work. Ph. Narberth 2810. (ol-1)

BASS wanted for All Saints Church choir, Wynnewood. Call Mr. Ervine at church, rehearsal 8 P. M. Thursday, or write. (omb)

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McMullin & McMullin have sold for William T. Kirk, 3rd, his property on Orchard Way at Rosemont. The improvements consist of an all-stone residence with two-car garage and about one acre of land. The purchaser is Harry H. Warthen, who will occupy the property for his residence. It is adjacent to the properties of W. Kenney Erdman, Bernard E. Converse and Benjamin Eshleman. While the price is not disclosed, the property was held for sale at \$32,500.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Narberth National Bank will be held at its office, Haverford and Essex Avenues, Narberth, Pa., on Tuesday, January 12, 1932, at 5 P. M. for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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Situations Wanted

WANTED—Position doing housework. Experienced. Best refs. Sleep in. Ph. Ard. 2902-M. (omb1-1)

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WANTED—Day's work, cleaning or laundry. Ph. Ard. 1119-R. (omb-tf)

WANTED—Part-time work. Ph. Ard. 1119-R. (omb1-1)

MAN wishes work cleaning windows, housecleaning, butler or kitchen man. Splendid refs. Ph. Ard. 2535-J. (omb-tf)

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YOUNG married Scotch woman would like light housework, by day except Sat. Would take care of children by hour. Ph. Cyn. 3273-W. (omb-tf)

YOUNG man, 18, desires work of any kind. Can do office work. Ph. Narb. (omb-tf)

YOUNG man, 22, wishes position. Can assist a plumber, florist or electrical contractor. Exp. Ph. Narb. 3975-J. (omb-tf)

COLORED man desires catering, janitor, houseman or any odd jobs. Write Harvey Gary, 1529 N. 10th St., Phila. (omb-tf)

YOUNG colored man unable to finish college course would like position as chauffeur or houseman. P. Lloyd. Ard-1765-M. (omb-tf)

WOMAN wishes position as mother's helper. Ph. Ard. 1924. (omb-tf)

WANTED—Job, truck driving or chauffeuring. Ph. "Daisy," Newton Square 176. (omb-tf)

WOMAN wants day's work, cleaning or laundry. Ph. Ard. 1924. (omb-tf)

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MAN wishes work cleaning windows, housecleaning, butler or kitchen man. Splendid refs. Ph. Ard. 2535-J. (omb-tf)

COLORED woman desires day's work or general housework. Refs. Ph. Jackson 2094-M. (omb1-8)

There's lots of fun looking up the family tree—until you see something you do not like.

The longest day in the year for mother is the one on which father stays at home with nothing to do.

BUSINESS BITS

Business in Narberth was lively the last two days before Christmas, although for the month it was below that of last December, according to reports of local shops and stores. One food store reported an increase of cash business over that of the corresponding week last year, despite lower prices for foodstuffs.

Between seven and eight hundred Christmas trees were sold in the borough, of which Howard F. Cotter's store was responsible for four hundred.

The cheerfully decorated and lighted business section here has attracted considerable favorable comment from residents of this and nearby communities. It is the result of co-operation of the business people here.



By ROBERT J. EDGAR

And now come the seed catalogs!

Modern Arabian Nights, written by a Jules Verne, colors that put nature to shame, adjectives plus. What marvels are the fruits of the seeds in these catalogs! But we welcome them gladly. We search for new and better varieties; we use our gardeners' imagination to visualize the flowers in our own gardens; we dream over that picture of our garden-to-be and mark the things we think we should like to have. These first marks are far from the list that the seedsman will receive; the real list is arrived at by a process of elimination based on the limitations of planting space—and other limitations. Come on, seed catalogs! We know you of old—but we want to learn again.

A model seed catalog would give us some real information, but then we are supposed to know quite a lot about what to expect. We should like to know if the plant is annual, biennial or perennial. Is it hardy or tender? The approximate date, or season, of flowering. The height to the top of the plant in flower? The ACTUAL size of the bloom? The character of the foliage? The color, or shade, of the flowers in mass? Its requirements as to soil and situation, if difficult. Companion plants or purpose to which the plant is especially suited. And mention of fragrance, if any. Will seedlings stand transplanting or does it have to be sown where it is to mature and the "too thick" ones thrown away? All of this information on new plants would help considerably but if we are curious we will have to buy and plant and wait and learn.

Believe it or not—the days are lengthening. The calendar winter is here, but soon we will be saying—"Spring is just around the corner."

For 1932—Resolved:
To order early the seeds, bulbs and plants that are necessary for our garden.

To keep seeds in a tin container so that they will not become too dry, too moist or mice-eaten.

To buy the old standby varieties that have done well and to try some of the newer sorts.

To plant seeds on time, not too early or too late.

To see that wet snows do not break down branches of evergreens.

To take care of all trees and shrubs that are liable to attack from scale insects. This means a dormant oil spray in late winter—from January to March.

To plant at least one new tree as a George Washington memorial.

To spray and dust against attacks of insects and fungus before the damage is done.

To prune fall-flowering shrubs in spring.

Not to prune spring-flowering shrubs in late winter.

Not to take the mulching material off too early.

To place sharp cinders around the crowns of delphinium plants to keep the March slugs away.

To exhibit at the local flower show.

To attend flower shows that are within reach.

To visit gardens when the privilege offers.

To attend garden lectures for education and not for entertainment.

To read the garden column in the local paper.

Sometimes about one of the worst things that can happen is nothing.

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The occasional discovery of stone blocks used for ties on the old Columbia Railroad by residents of the Eastern Main Line has given rise to curiosity as to the route and history of this predecessor of the "Pennsy" through the section.

Through the courtesy of Walton M. Wentz, of Narberth, editor of the "Pennsylvania News," we are privileged to publish the following article, written by John C. Trautwine, Jr., which appeared in that paper on May 1, 1923.

It contains, we believe, the fullest and most authentic account of the Columbia Railroad and the remains of its route still existing that has been written.—(Ed.)

A century ago, owing to the condition of such highways as then existed, traveling by land was so difficult that the water of rivers and canals, although frozen over during several months annually, offered practically the only means of inland transportation.

At its eastern end, Pennsylvania had access to the sea through Delaware River and Bay. At its western end it had access to the Gulf of Mexico through the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

Our ancestors recognized the importance of connecting these two lines of water travel, and in 1824 the Legislature of Pennsylvania created a Board of Canal Commissioners with the view to the construction by the State of a line of canals (supplemented, where necessary, by improved highways) to connect Philadelphia with Pittsburgh.

Pennsylvania Canal Proposed

Even so late as 1831 the Canal Commission, while admitting that, "next to canals" railroads might be the best known means of locomotion, yet maintained that, for the purposes of this State, canals were "from two to two-and-a-half times better than railroads," and announced it as "their decided opinion that there should be a leading uninterrupted canal, made and owned by the Commonwealth, the whole length of the State, so that a boat, loaded at Pittsburgh, could land her cargo at Philadelphia."

But dearth of water between the Delaware and the Susquehanna, and the obstacle of the Allegheny Mountains, in the western part of the State, forbade the construction of canals in those two portions, and compelled resort to land travel there.

The route adopted was overland from Philadelphia (on the Delaware River) to Columbia (on the Susquehanna River). From there it was by canal, along the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers, to the foot of the Allegheny Mountains at Hollidaysburg, thence by land over the mountains to Johnstown, and then, finally, by canal

again, along the Conemaugh, the Kiskiminetas and the Allegheny to Pittsburgh.

The canal boats were divided transversely into two or more sections. Arriving at either side of the Allegheny Mountain, these sections were separated and loaded upon railroad trucks, and were then transported bodily over the mountain to the canal on the other side. Hence the name "Portage Railroad." The canal boats were sometimes similarly transported on trucks over the Columbia Railroad and through the streets of Philadelphia.

Railroad Authorized

On March 24, 1828, the Legislature authorized the construction of the Philadelphia & Columbia (or Columbia & Philadelphia) Railroad; when finished it was little more than a highway with an improved surface. It was built, owned and maintained by the State for the use of individuals and corporations, each of whom furnished and operated his or its own vehicles and animals, paying toll to the State for the use of its line.

The Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad started from the then northern city limit of Philadelphia, at Broad and Vine Streets, and followed the present line of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, along the east bank of the Schuylkill River to and across the original wooden Columbia bridge, which was built for the purpose.

From the west end of the Columbia bridge the line ascended an inclined plane, the cars being pulled up by stationary steam engines near Belmont Mansion.

Having reached the head of the inclined plane, horses or mules were attached, and the cars proceeded to Anderson's Lane, later Athensville, still later Athens, now Ardmore. Thence to near Columbia, the line, as a whole, was that of the present Pennsylvania Railroad main line but the detail of alignment has been improved until now hardly any of the old line remains. A notable instance of this realignment is furnished by the old Whitehall detour, west of Ardmore, and its replacement by the Bryn Mawr cut-off.

Official Opening, October 7, 1834

The entire line, double track, was finished October 1, 1834, and on October 7 the official opening took place. Two trains, drawn respectively by the Baldwin locomotives, "Lancaster" and "Columbia," left Columbia at 8 A. M. and arrived in Philadelphia at 6 P. M., "conveying Governor Wolf, canal commissioners, other State officials, engineers of the railroad and invited guests."

As noted above, the Columbia Railroad line, beyond Ardmore, is now substantially that of the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, while from the foot of the inclined plane westward to Broad Street, Philadelphia, the

Columbia Railroad line with little if any change in alignment is that of the present Philadelphia and Reading Railway.

But the portion between the eastern end of Columbia bridge, Philadelphia and Ardmore, including the Belmont inclined plane, was definitely abandoned in 1850, and it has not been replaced by another line between the same termini.

Inclined Plane Abandoned

For hardly was the Belmont inclined plane put in operation before it was found objectionable owing to the cost, delays and dangers incident to its operation, and search was made for a "line to avoid the inclined plane." As early as 1835 the West Philadelphia Railroad Company was organized. Its chief engineer, Henry R. Campbell, located a line leaving the Columbia Railroad (or "The Pennsylvania Railroad," as it was often called) at what is now Ardmore, following the present main line to Hestonville (Fifty-second Street) and then nearly paralleling Lancaster Avenue, which it crossed east of Thirty-ninth Street. It crossed Market Street east of Thirty-sixth Street and reached the west bank of the Schuylkill north of Chestnut Street.

Some construction was done on this line, but the first issue of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" dated March 25, 1836, contained, in the first column of its first page, a notice to the stockholders regarding assessments, and the concern came to grief financially.

Later, the canal commissioners acquired the West Philadelphia Railroad Company's line, and through its engineers, W. Milnor Roberts and Edward F. Gay, built their own line from Ardmore to Market Street bridge following practically the present main line. Passenger trains began using this line in October 14, 1850.

Little Left of Original Line

In 1920 members of the City History Society of Philadelphia made two visits to the abandoned portion of the line, with a view chiefly to learning its location between the head of the plane and Ardmore.

After leaving the head of the inclined plane, the old line curved to the right, crossed the site of the present Methodist Home for the Aged, that of the city's Belmont filter plants, and Belmont Avenue. It followed the present line of Conshohocken Avenue to City Line Avenue at Bala. Between Bala and Cynwyd it lay to the left of Conshohocken Avenue and was, in places, directly over the present line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Schuylkill Division.

It crossed the Schuylkill Division's line at Cynwyd, and then described a curve of more than ninety degrees, which curve now forms Bala Avenue. Between Merionville and the General Wayne Tavern, it occupied the south side of Old Lancaster Road (now Montgomery Avenue). Beyond the General Wayne it paralleled that road, generally 100 or 200 feet to the south,

and crossed it to the north side opposite All Saints Church at Wynnewood Avenue. From this point it reached Anderson's Lane (now Ardmore) and soon thereafter described the Whitehall and Haverford College detour, replaced in the seventies, by the Bryn Mawr cut-off.

Tablet Marks Old Roadway

The City History Society found still remaining two or three culverts and a few bits of old roadway, now marked only by the square stone blocks or long stone sleepers, to which the rails were attached. The Atlantic Refining Company, digging the foundations for a gasoline supply house at Merionville, recently unearthed a bit of the old roadbed, some ten or fifteen feet below the present ground surface. The company has placed a tablet there commemorating the find.

One of the most interesting relics still remaining is a curved double-track embankment, just south of Montgomery Avenue at Cynwyd, and adjoining the Schuylkill Division track on the east. Here, apparently, to save a little earthwork, the two tracks of the old line were laid at slightly different elevations.

This now abandoned portion of the Columbia Railroad line was sold, in 1851, by the canal commissioners shortly after their completion of the line to avoid the inclined plane to the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for \$12,000 (or \$16,000—accounts differ). The Reading Railway Company never used the line, but it is said that they sold the iron of the tracks to A. and P. Roberts, who used it as scrap in their mills at Pencoyd.

The Reading Railway ran its cars over the Columbia Railroad tracks from the west end of Columbia bridge to the city; but in November-December, 1850, that portion of the Columbia bridge was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Company for \$243,200. It has ever since formed a part of that company's main line.

On June 27, 1857, the canal commission sold its entire line from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, including "the line to avoid the inclined plane," to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for \$7,500,000. Its construction had cost \$17,000,000.

At Broad and Vine Streets (then on the northern boundary of Philadelphia) the State-built Columbia Railroad tracks connected with those of the city-built "City Railroad" extending down Broad Street, and via Market Street to the Merchants' Exchange at Third and Dock Streets. It is an interesting fact that the large-scale plan accompanying the deed of sale to the Reading Railway of the portion from the foot of the plane to Broad Street shows no sign of a break in continuity or ownership or control at Broad and Vine Streets, and no indication of a railroad building in that vicinity. Furthermore, the deed itself mentions no such building, although other buildings a few blocks away are carefully specified.

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